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RE: Maryland OSHA Testimony

On Thursday, December 9, I testified before the Maryland Board of Occupational Safety and Health regarding a proposal to ban smoking in all workplaces in the state. Also testifying was Steve Bayard, principal author of EPA's risk assessment on ETS.

At one of the breaks, Steve and I had a friendly discussion, as we always do, during which Steve made the following interesting comments:

Bayard: What's going on in the lawsuit?

Parrish: The briefs are in and we're waiting for the judge to rule. What are you hearing?

Bayard: Not much. We're just hoping like hell that we don't have to reach the merits. Let me ask you another question. Why didn't you guys deal with non-cancer effects in the lawsuit?

Parrish: We did. We've asked for the entire risk assessment to be declared null and void.

Bayard: I was just curious because with all the problems on the lung cancer part of the risk assessment, there are real problems with the non-cancer effects. I mean, you guys have taken us to task for violating our cancer guidelines; hell we don't even have non-cancer guidelines.

Parrish: Steve, trust me, we're after the entire risk assessment. How's Axelrad?

Bayard: He still doesn't know what he's doing. Are you still smoking cigars?

Parrish: I just had a great one the other day. How about you?

Bayard: I still love 'em.

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